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**Kitsap Mountaineers Executive Meeting February 19, 2013**

Executive Committee Members Present:

Chair: Jimmy James

Treasurer: Diane Moore

Secretary: Jeff Schrepple

Branch Members Present:

Dave Burton, Mike Raymond, Doug Terry

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

Treasurer’s Report: Diane presented the treasurer’s report. The branch has a positive balance.

Branch Chair Report: None. Jimmy chose to move directly to the agenda items which follow:

The Jefferson County YMCA Proposal: Mike Raymond handed out a proposal prepared by the Jefferson County YMCA with his assistance. The paper proposed a collaboration between the Jefferson County YMCA and the Kitsap Branch of the Mountaineers to provide outdoor opportunities/camps for the youth of Jefferson and Clallam counties as well as other areas of the Olympic peninsula. Mike will contact Becca Polglase to get her thoughts on the proposal.

How to spend the Altwein Bequest: Jimmy asked for ideas on how to spend the remaining Altwein funds. He noted that Katha had already provided two pages of her ideas and Doug suggested better insulation in the cabin. Jimmy requested that Activity Chair present their ideas at a future Excom meeting.

Getting USFS permits: We discussed the Forest Service’s requirement to project use of Forest Service lands which would require paid permits. To avoid such charges, we will try to conduct our sponsored courses on non-FS properties. If this is not possible, activity chairs should provide a list of projected activities and proposed dates.

Youth in Adult activities: Jimmy noted that the Mountaineers now require all persons in an adult activity where an individual under 18 is participating to be trained in the “working with youth” program. At least one instructor must be qualified/certified where youths are taking part in our courses. Qualification is gained by reading the Mountaineers pamphlet “Working with Youth” and successfully completing a free background check. Jimmy recommended all adult members obtain such certification. It was estimated that only a small number of our members have completed the training to date.

Membership Meetings: Jimmy proposed and the members present agreed that regular membership meetings should be held. Three meetings (January with photo show, April, and October) were preferred plus one picnic late in the summer. The Kitsap Cabin was mentioned but the Unitarian Church in Bremerton was deemed to be a better choice. Jimmy agreed to check the availability of the venue but he also asked for someone to act as program master to organize the April event.

Inventory of Branch Equipment: Jimmy asked that each activity chair provide him with an inventory of branch equipment they have on hand.

First Aid/MOFA: Jimmy noted that there does not seem to be good way to get MOFA training and that standards within the Mountaineers for such training have not been established and approved. He has investigated a company called Remote Medicine, Incorporated (RMI) who would provide such training in a two day course for 20 people for a price of $2,800. They do not provide scenario training so our branch would have to take on that training subsequent to the classroom sessions. Jimmy proposed that MOFA training consists of (1) CPR, (2) 1st Aid, and (3) scenario training.

Mike Raymond agreed there is a problem obtaining qualified MOFA training and feels he has solved that problem by holding each participant in his climbing courses responsible individually for successfully completing an online 1st Aid class (cost ~$40) and successfully completing a CPR course taught regularly by local fire stations. He then conducts the scenario training on site at the end of his rock and snow climbing class. The members present agreed that this approach should satisfy MOFA requirements for the branch.

Electing a Vice Chair: Jimmy asked for someone to volunteer as Vice Chair with the knowledge that this individual would likely be next year’s branch chair.

Showing films for FUN and PROFIT: Jimmy recommended that we look into such an effort. It was proposed that the Port Gamble Fire Station could be rented for $50 and had a projector so we would only need to sell a relatively small number of tickets to achieve a positive return. There was some discussion as to whether our non-profit organization could legally make money on such an operation but it was generally agreed that, if such funds were returned to the community in a way that promotes our educational purpose, it would be OK. Jimmy had a film in mind and will pursue the venue.

Hiking Committee Report: Dave reported that there will be no formal hiking course this year but he was going to run a condensed course for three potential leaders who each have some past significant experience. The first class will be at FS51 on February 25 at 6:30 pm.

Closing Remarks: Jimmy said that one of his primary goals as branch chair is to build membership, with emphasis on young people. It was noted that Mike had signed up several new, young members in his Basic Climbing Course. Jimmy has also prepared some flyers that he proposes we post in public places such as supermarket and office bulletin boards and he noted that our website has been modified to allow membership signup in three clicks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm